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The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council and has the pleasure to attach herewith the agreement between the Fatah and Hamas movements to end Palestinian division, signed in Cairo on 12 October 2017 (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt kindly requests that the present note verbale and its annex be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

Agreement between the Fatah and Hamas movements to end Palestinian division

Given the importance of instilling the principle of national partnership and putting the public interest first in order to realize the hopes and aspirations of the Palestinian people for an end to division, a strengthening of the domestic front, and the achievement of national unity in order to implement the national project; and with a view to ending the occupation, establishing a sovereign Palestinian State in all Palestinian territories occupied in 1967 with Jerusalem as its capital, and bringing about the return of the refugees; and out of commitment to the Basic Law in order to maintain a unified democratic pluralistic system, the peaceful transfer of power through the ballot box, the independence of Palestinian national decision-making, and respect for the sovereignty of States; and welcoming all assistance to the Palestinian people for reconstruction and development through the Palestinian Government,

On 10 and 11 October 2017, under Egyptian sponsorship in Cairo, the Fatah and Hamas movements held a series of meetings to discuss issues pertaining to national reconciliation. The two movements agreed to the following:

(1) Measures to enable the Government of National Accord to exercise its functions fully and carry out its responsibilities for administering the Strip as well as the West Bank shall be completed by 1 December 2017 at the latest.

(2) The legal/administrative committee formed by the Government of National Accord to find solutions to the issue of the officials in the Strip will work expeditiously to complete its tasks before 1 February 2018 at the latest. Experts, specialists and knowledgeable persons from the Gaza Strip shall take part in the aforementioned committee's work. The Government will continue paying officials their current salaries while that committee conducts its work, starting with salaries for November 2017, as soon as the Government is able to exercise its administrative and financial powers, including the collection of taxes.

(3) Measures for the Government of National Accord to take control of all the Gaza Strip crossings, including allowing Palestinian Authority personnel to administer those crossings fully, shall be completed by 1 November 2017 at the latest.

(4) The leaders of the official security services operating in the State of Palestine will travel to the Gaza Strip to discuss methods and mechanisms for rebuilding the security services with the competent parties.

(5) During the first week of December 2017, a meeting will be held in Cairo to assess progress made on matters that have been agreed upon.

(6) On 14 November 2017, a meeting will be held among all the Palestinian factions that signed the Palestinian National Reconciliation Agreement in Cairo on 4 May 2011 to discuss all the reconciliation provisions contained in that agreement.